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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 5 July 1951

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - June 1951

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1. A Western Europe Branch was established 27 June 1951 with [] as Acting Chief. The expansion of the Division into a fourth wing last month made possible the accommodation of this new branch without requisition of further space.

2. Liaison with [] communications channels was inaugurated.

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3. The series of basic studies of USSR railroad systems (totaling 41) based primarily on captured German documents has been completed. The initiation of a similar project on Satellite railroads is anticipated.

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5. Five members of FDD are participating in language courses involving the following languages: Polish, Mongolian, Siamese, Persian and Chinese. Plans are being made to train additional personnel during the fall and winter.

6. Icelandic was added to the Division's language capabilities during the month.

7. Noteworthy publications disseminated:

a. "Stalin Prize Awards for Science and Industrial Improvements for 1950," Summary No. 46

b. "New Administrative Divisions of People's Republic of China," []

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c. "Rolling Stock and Locomotives in China, 1934-1948," []

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d. "Claims Fedayan-I-Islam Is Communist Movement," []

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e. "Reports Iraqi, Iranian Kurds Pro-Soviet, Ready to Follow Barzani in Revolt," [redacted]

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f. "Reports on Communist Policy in Korean War: Says 50,000 Chinese Troops Leave Sinkiang," [redacted]

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8. Projects of more than routine interest which are in process include a glossary of Russian abbreviations and a survey of the Soviet non-Russian press.

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9. A survey of the collection of Chinese Communist documents recently received [redacted] revealed that these were Manchurian items not available through normal channels. [redacted] was acquired and arrangements for loans of documents were made.

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10. As a result of the correspondence between AD/O and Brigadier General Ennis, in which the latter indicated his concurrence, FDD has made plans for a survey team to go to G-2, FECOM. It is anticipated that a two-man team will leave on or about 15 July.

11. An FDD intelligence officer-linguist was loaned [redacted] for one year for [redacted] operation.

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12. Approximately 1,000 serials and other publications were received via Berlin, Army, OSO, and Contact. These included one copy each of the Journal of Higher Nervous Activity imeni I. P. Pavlov, which just started publication this year, and Works of the Geographical Institute (USSR), and [redacted] publications.

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Issues of nine newspapers from the Chkalov and Penza Oblast area, unavailable for subscription, were received via State. Six of these nine were received for the first time.

13. IAD/State has taken action on the suggestion of Chief, FDD, for more effective use of [redacted] in the acquisition of publications. [redacted] in the Near and Far East have been requested to forward foreign language documents to Washington after use.

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14. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions

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